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REMARKS

Claims 21-31 and 33-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the reasons noted in the official action. The rejected claims are accordingly amended, by the above claim amendments, and the presently pending claims are now believed to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention, thereby overcoming all of the raised § 112, second paragraph, rejections. The entered claim amendments are directed solely at overcoming the raised indefiniteness rejection(s) and are not directed at distinguishing the present invention from the art of record in this case.

Next, claims 21-27, 30, 31, 33, 35 and 36 are rejected, under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated in view of Burnett '834 (United States Patent No. 5,321,834), claims 28, 29 and 34 are rejected, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being anticipated in view of Burnett '843 while claim 32 is rejected, under 35 U.S.C. §103(3), as being obvious in view of Burnett '843 and Kahn. The Applicant acknowledges and respectfully traverses all of the raised rejections in view of the following remarks.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 37-40 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim(s). In accordance with this indication, claims 37 and 39 are appropriately revised and those two amended independent claims are now believed to be allowable. As claims 38 and 40 each depend directly from independent claims 37 and 39, respectively, and those dependent claims are believed to be allowable as well.

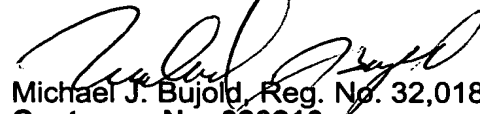
In order to simply prosecution of this application, claims are cancelled, without prejudice, from this case. In view of the above claim cancellations and claim amendments, the Applicant respectfully submits that further comments concerning the applied prior art is not believed necessary. The Applicant also notes the remaining prior art cited in the official action. As none of that additional art is applied by the Examiner against the claims of this application, the Applicant is not providing any comments concerning that art as well.

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now placed in a condition for allowance. Action to that end, in the form of an early Notice of Allowance, is courteously solicited by the Applicant at this time.

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Respectfully submitted,



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